

JURY OBTAINED IN MURDER CASE

Hezzie Avant Goes On Trial At Laurinburg For Killing Woman Last October; 71 Jurors Called.

Laurinburg, Dec. 1.—It required a half day and examination of 71 men to select a jury of six farmers, two bankers, one telephone lineman, one clerk, one railroad agent and a corporation secretary to try Hezzie Avant for his life in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Murdoch Calder, the former Smitha Evans, 19-year-old, mother of two children. At the suggestion of defense counsel Jennings G. King, Judge Finley issued instructions yesterday that no jurors be summoned from Laurinburg, the town of East Laurinburg or adjacent territory; it being admitted that it would be difficult to secure an unbiased jury in this section.

A crowd which jammed every inch of space and overflowed into corridors Monday at the arraignment was again in evidence today and avidly watched every move of the court toward trial of this—the most discussed case in years here.

The black-haired, well-dressed defendant sat beside his counsel and alertly watched the proceedings as his life was placed in the balance by the State of North Carolina.

About the first of last August Mrs. Calder appealed to local authorities, saying she was afraid Hezzie Avant would kill her. Her story to officers was that she had been compelled to live in the same house with the man and his wife for several years—both women, bearing children for Avant. During this period Mrs. Calder said she was transported by Avant with his family to various places in several states. Local officers were so impressed that the man was immediately arrested and placed in jail. While he was still being held in default of a heavy peace bond federal officers served a warrant on him charging violation of the Mann white slave act—in connection with the same Mrs. Calder. Avant was held in jail at Fayetteville until the September term of United States court and when brought to trial entered a plea of guilty to the white slave charge, presumably, on advice of his two attorneys, E. H. Gibson and Jennings G. King.

Judge I. M. Meekins sentenced the confessed white slaver to serve one day in jail and to pay the cost of the case. October 6, Mrs. Calder was shot to death in East Laurinburg as, after being fired on, she ran to get out of the murderer's reach, only to be overtaken in the house of S. J. Siler where the fourth of five shots ended her life.

A few hours later Avant was captured by a large posse of officers near the South Carolina line, and has been held in the Scotland county jail until today when he went on trial for the third time since 1927 in connection with this girl.

Larger Enrollment In All Hoke Schools

Figures For Second Month Gratifying; Blue Springs Leads In Attendance Percentage

Every school in the county showed an increased enrollment for the second month of school, according to figures turned into Superintendent Hawfield's office. The total enrollment for the first month was 1,154, and for the month just closed, 1,312.

The average daily attendance also increased in each school except Asheboro, and there the decrease was only three-tenths of a pupil. The enrollment and average daily attendance during the first month was necessarily low because of parents keeping their children out of school to help them at home, particularly in the gathering of crops. The increase in the enrollment and average daily attendance is gratifying because the state makes its allotment of teachers on the basis of the average daily attendance.

Figures for each school, showing enrollment, average daily attendance and percentage of attendance, for each month, are as follows:

Antioch: enrollment 128, first month 95; average daily attendance 107.75, first month 79.5; percentage of attendance 94.2, first month 92.9.

Blue Springs: enrollment 78 compared with 61; average daily attendance 74.35 compared with 48.4; percentage of attendance 99 compared with 92.2.

Rosedale: enrollment 21; daily average attendance 17.4; percentage of attendance 87. Figures for first month not shown.

Rockfish: enrollment 118 against 111; average daily attendance 113.2 against 97.5; percentage 97.2 against 93.9.

Asheboro: enrollment 187 against 182; average daily attendance 164.6 against 164.9; percentage 91.9 against 93.4.

Raeford (elementary school): enrollment 341 against 320; average

JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

By CARL GOERCH

There's real system to this kind of weather we've been having throughout the fall. Up until four weeks before Christmas it was so dry and warm that nobody felt like doing any shopping. From now on it's going to be so cold, rainy and generally disagreeable that nobody will be able to do any shopping.

We all have our troubles. I was in my Small's store a few days ago. They run a book and stationery establishment in Washington. He was shooting flies away from his stool of Christmas cards.

"They're smart flies," he commented. "They won't rest themselves on the cheap two-for-five-cent cards. No, sir. They pick out the fifteen-cent cards every time. Drat 'em! Shoo!"

Is Mr. Small's statement paid for? You may be interested in knowing that not one cent was paid to Mr. Small to make the above statement. Mr. Small has been a shooer of flies for a number of years. We hope the publicity herewith given will be as beneficial to him and his store as his endorsement is to you and to me.

Why is it that on these cold, drizzly dreary mornings when you sleep later than usual and have to rush and get dressed in order to get down to work on time, you always find that the fire has gone out during the night and has to be rebuilt from the ground up?

I've never known it to fail. Incidentally, I know of a whole lot of things that are more pleasant and agreeable than standing around in a pair of pajamas or a night-shirt, waiting for a flickering fire to catch up so you can leave it.

Along with a whole lot of other things, I believe there is one special factor that has been more responsible for what we jokingly call the depression than anything else.

It's this business of sending money out of town.

In my town, there are about a thousand automobiles. Not a hundred of those automobiles were paid for at the time they came into possession of their present owners. Practically all of them were bought on time. That means that a good-sized payment has to be made on these cars every month, which also means that that money is sent out of town and can never do any good here.

The average payment per month probably is around thirty dollars. Multiply that by nine hundred and you get \$27,000. And when a sun that leaves your town every month, no wonder that business is poor and merchants are complaining.

If you want to, you can add radios, electric refrigerators and a number of other things to the list of automobiles.

The Governor's committee on doctoring the constitution of North Carolina met last week in Raleigh. Quite a number of suggestions were made relative to improving that document. Personally, I'd be willing to see all of those suggestions discarded in favor of one blanket and wholesome recommendation, namely: "That it shall be declared unlawful, unconstitutional, unorthodox and un-everything-else for any individual within the boundaries of North Carolina to purchase any article on time, on credit, or on a deferred payment plan. Violation of this act shall render the guilty party liable to a term of five years in the state penitentiary."

If such an act were passed and enforced, we'd have Old Man Prosperity back with us so quickly that it would make your head swim.

22 On Honor Roll Of Ashemont School

Twenty-two pupils of the Ashemont School made the Honor Roll for November. The list is as follows:

First Grade: Audrey Cothran, Marjorie Wren Johnson, Leano Parnell, Virginia Parrish, Virgil Brown, Delah Hardister and Rounell Marshall. Second Grade: Margie Gordan, Edith Moss, Elizabeth Cothran, Gulon Eubanks and Irene McCain. Third Grade: Estelle Blackburn and Kemp Saunders.

Fifth Grade: Mildred Womble, Annie Sides, Howard Lucas and Harry Thornburg.

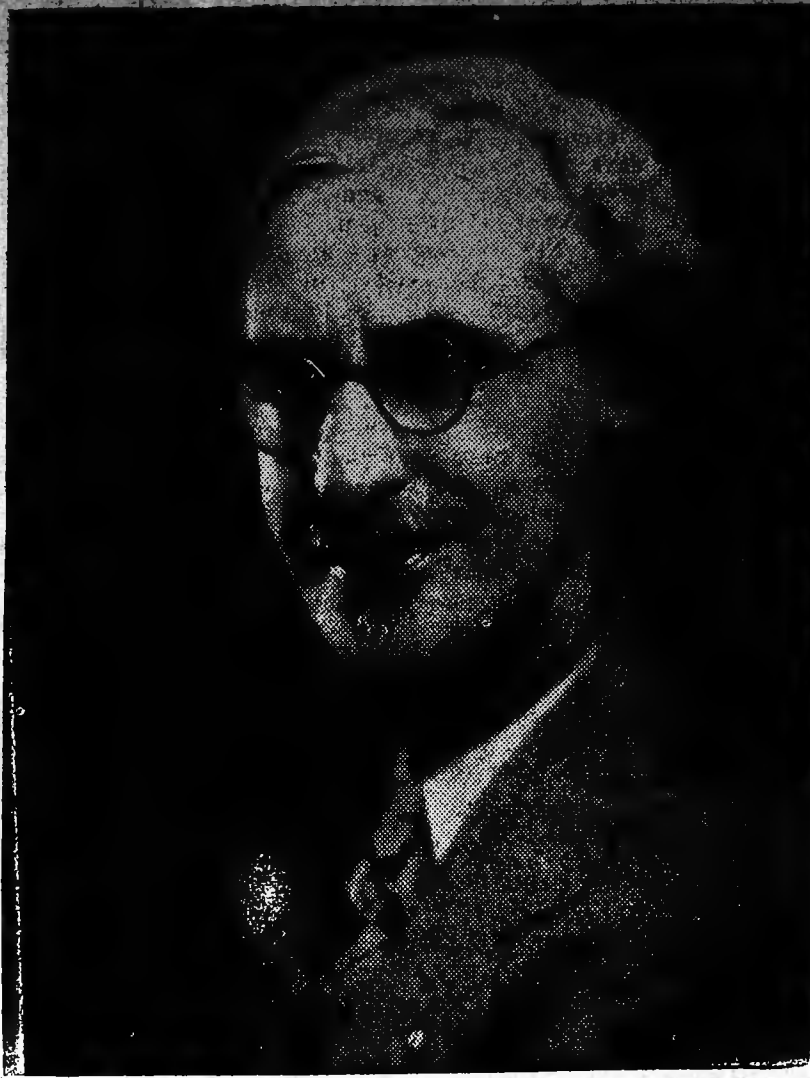
Sixth Grade: Eunice Saunders. Seventh Grade: Kathleen McBryde, Alton Jones and Fay Thornburg.

daily attendance 316.5 against 296.8; percentage 94.8 against 95.6.

Raeford (high school): enrollment 275 against 263; average daily attendance 262.3 against 248.9; percentage 96.7 against 97.5.

Mildonsen: enrollment 164 against 122; average daily attendance 139.8 against 106.2; percentage 94.3 against 94.9.

Blue Springs leads in percentage of attendance, while Rosendale showed the lowest percentage.



HAROLD C. BROWN

Harold C. Brown, of Charlotte, known as "Old Wayside," who presided at an entertainment held in the school auditorium last week, and sponsored by the "Wayside Gang," an organization of shut-ins, of which he is chief. At the entertainment an offering was taken up for the benefit of the Gang's work among its shut-in members.

ROCKFISH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Ritter and son, David, motored to Wilmington last Friday. While there they went to see the historic ship, "Old Ironsides."

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend, of Wilmington, and Miss Wanda Townsend attended Thanksgiving services at Kentyre Church in South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Cobb and children, of Parkton, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood and children spent Sunday in Dillon, S. C., as guests of Mrs. Wood's mother, Mrs. Easterling.

Mr. J. A. Monroe, of Fayetteville, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Monroe, Sr., on Thursday of last week.

Mr. L. H. Koonce and Miss Treva Townsend attended the Carolina-Virginia game in Chapel Hill on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wood and children, of Asheboro, spent the week-end with the former's mother, Mrs. Young Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. George and

Miss Alma Kinard spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Greenville, S. C., with Mr. George's parents.

Mr. Edwin Lindsay returned home Sunday after spending several days with relatives in Mars Bluff, S. C. Mr. Glenn Cameron accompanied him home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, of West Virginia, and Miss Isabel Ray went to Wilmington on Thursday of last week to see "Old Ironsides."

Miss Isabel Ray spent Thursday night in Fayetteville as the guest of Miss Jane Morrison, of Statesville, who was stopping over on her way home from Wilmington.

A machine has been invented to make discs of solid carbonic acid gas to be used to prevent ice cream melting as it is being carried in paper containers.



Shadowgraph Game Sweeps America



ONE thing this country seems to need is a good, inexpensive parlor game. As a result, a pastime of our fathers and mothers when they were youngsters has revived as a popular evening sport that is taking the homes of the country by storm.

The game is "shadowgraphs". As anyone over a certain age will remember, shadowgraphs are animals, birds, funny faces and other kinds of entertaining figures, made by the shadow of the hands. The fun of doing them is engrossing the attention and hands of young people and not-so-young people everywhere.

Meeting the demand for economical entertainment, shadowgraphs require only a light-colored wall, a light, and agile fingers.

Adding a soap carton to the usual equipment of hands and fingers increased the possible number

of shadowgraphs manifold. This has been done in a book that reveals the secrets of shadowgraphs and how to make them. Young folks had already gotten on hand-shaking terms with Lava Soap in the bathroom for washing off the grime of play, so it was only a step to bring the soap carton into the parlor where it would meet the fingers again in making shadowgraphs.

The number of different pictures that can be made with finger shadows is practically limitless. Many of them are described and illustrated in the new book, which can be obtained free from Lava Shadowgraphs, Box 1801, Cincinnati, Ohio. It gives a first lesson on how to keep young hands happily busy. Shadowgraph contests among young people are a possibility, with the older folk as judges—unless they insist on taking part themselves.

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